

# Community Service Learning Partner Application

**\*\*Please Complete Section 1 Only\*\***

Students who have completed a minimum of 75 hours of documented community service, along with the required reflection component, in Grades 9-12 are eligible to receive one (1) career focus academic credit. This credit may be applied toward graduation for students graduating in Classes 2023 through 2026. 75 hours of community service is required for all Arkansas students graduating in the Class of 2027 and beyond.

Community service hours must be completed at a state-approved community organization or as part of a service-learning school program. Community or non-profit organizations may apply for state approval through the local school board as a community service learning site by completing this application.

FSPS Community Service Learning Coordinator: Dr. Tony Jones, Director of Secondary Education  
Fort Smith Public Schools, 3205 Jenny Lind, Fort Smith, AR 72903 (479) 785-2501.

The Community Service Learning program is governed by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16- 120. 1.02

Name of Non-Profit/Community Organization:

Literacy Council of Western Arkansas

Name of Director/Contact Personal: \*

Bente Eriksen

Address of the Organization (City/State/Zip): \*

300 S. 11th St Fort Smith Arkansas 72901

Email Address: \*

bente@lcowa.com

Phone Number: \*

479-783-2665

Hours of Operation: \*

9AM - 7:30PM (closed fridays)

What is the mission of the non-profit/community organization? \*

Literacy

What service(s) does the non-profit/community organization provide? \*

GED, ABE, Conversational English, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, Health, Financial and digital literacy, Driver's license, mock interviews, how to write a check, fill out money order, pay bills online, etc

Describe the kinds of volunteer tasks students will perform.

Organizing books, assisting with tutoring, cleaning, painting, organizing clothes closet, creating flyers, updating social media, and volunteer for events

The Act 648 implementation guide requires "precautions, policies and procedures" in place to ensure the safety of student volunteers. How will this non-profit/community organization ensure student safety? \*

The literacy council will provide training on safety while on the property.

List any special considerations of the non-profit/community organization. \*

The literacy council is equipped with multiple languages: ASL, Spanish, German, etc

Do you have any questions?

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A completed application requires FSPS School Board approval with the signature of the School Board President and the date of the School Board meeting that the application was approved.

How may the activities described connect to curriculum learning goals. (AR Act 648 [implementation guide](#) on the ADE website contains a breakdown of a few subject areas and goals)

School Board President Signature

## Date this Application Was Approved by the Board

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